Water Dispute between India and Bangladesh

1732. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent Bangladesh has responded to its obligation to cooperate in the optimum utilisation of water resources as available in Ganga and Brahmputra to both the countries in accordance with the international practice;

(b) to what extent Bangladesh has broken the string of bilateral agreements the latest being the one signed between the Prime Ministers of both the countries in May, 1992;

(c) what is the present position in this regard; and

(d) how Government propose to work out any solution to augment the Ganga flow by diverting the Brahmaputra when the Bangladesh is unwilling to cooperate with India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (d) Pursuant to the understanding reached between Bangladesh and India at the Prime Minister's level in May 1992 an Indo-Bangladesh Joint Committee of Experts was constituted to work for an equitable, long term and comprehensive arrangement for sharing the flows of the major rivers. Contrary to this understanding, Bangladesh started systematic internationalisation of the water sharing issue about a year back to generate pressure on India and arrive at a settlement of its choice. Bangladesh is yet to respond to our proposal for augmenting the lean season flow of Ganga by diverting the surplus waters of Brahmaputra. India would however, continue to persuade Bangladesh and seek their cooperation in resolving the water sharing issue as per the understanding of May, 1992.

सरदार सरोवर परियोजना

1733. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव :**
श्री रजनी रंजन साहू :
श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा :
श्री एन. गिरि प्रसाद:
श्री चतुरानन मिश्र :
डा० बापू कालदाते :

क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरदार सरोवर परियोजना का निर्माण कार्य निर्धारित समय सीमा के अनुसार चल रहा है ;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) क्या परियोजना के कार्य की समीक्षा करने हेतु सरकार द्वारा गठित "पांच सदस्यीय दल" ने अपना प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत कर दिया है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसकी मुख्य सिफारिशें क्या-क्या हैं ;

(ङ) इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या अनुवर्ती कार्यवाही की गई है अथवा किए जाने का विचार है ;

(च) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(छ) प्रतिवेदन के कब तक प्रस्तुत कर दिए जाने की संभावना है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. के. थुंगन) : (क) और (ख) नदी तल विद्युत घर, जिसका कार्य जापान से टरबो जेनरेटिंग सेटों को खरीदने में हो रहे विलम्ब के कारण पिछड़ रहा है, को छोड़कर सरदार सरोवर परियोजना का निर्माण कार्य निर्धारित कार्यक्रम के अनुसार चल रहा है ।

(ग) से (छ) जी हां। अहमदाबाद में गुजरात के उच्च न्यायालय के दिनांक 26-10-93 के मौखिक आदेश जो भारत सरकार द्वारा गठित पांच सदस्यीय दल के गठन के विरुद्ध नर्मदा अभियान तथा अन्यों द्वारा फाइल किए गए विशेष सिविल आवेदन पर पारित किया गया, के अनुसार पांच सदस्यीय दल ने 21-7-94 को जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में सचिव को अपनी रिपोर्ट सील बन्द लिफाफे में प्रस्तुत की। न्यायालय ने यह भी आदेश दिया था कि जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में सचिव अगले आदेशों तक उक्त रिपोर्ट के सम्बन्ध में गुप्तता और गोपनीयता बनाये रखेंगे।

Ground Water Reserves in Gujarat

1734. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey in the ground water reserves in Gujarat State particularly in the recent drought hit areas of Saurashtra and Kutch Regions;

(b) if so, whether Government have found any possibility of Ground water in these areas of the State;

(c) whether Government have suggested any development plans to construct tube wells/hand pumps in these areas; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to ameliorate the drinking water scarcity in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Based on the surveys and Ground Water exploration made by the Central Ground Water Board, the Ground Water resource in Kutch District and Saurashtra Region of Gujarat has been assessed as 942.55 and 6639.03 million cubic metres per year respectively. The Board have issued a comprehensive report which gives details of the scope for Ground Water Development in the State.

(d) The development and use of Ground Water for various purposes including drinking water supply is done by State Governments.

Irrigation Projects in Bihar

1735. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the irrigation projects in the State of Bihar which are affected by Forest Conservation Act, 1980;

(b) the projects which are still incomplete and the total work completed in respect of these projects prior to 1980 and what was the total amount spent on them;

(c) what is the present position of these projects; and

(d) what efforts are being made to complete these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (d) A statement is attached.